

TEXAS LEAGUE IS
ON THE RUNNING

Starts the Season in Better Shape in Every Way Than Last Year.

San Antonio, Texas, April 15.—With the teams apparently more evenly matched than in any previous year, with a higher salary limit and as a result better players all around, with more parks and an improved staff of umpires, the Texas baseball league opened the season Wednesday with bright prospects for the best season in years. The attendance at the opening games broke all records. Sunday will be the first Sunday game. Every manager is preparing to handle capacity crowds on that day.

The season opened with considerable bitterness, which, if it does not result in rowdy playing, means that the contest for the pennant this year will be fought for with more vim than was ever known. Both Houston and Dallas are flying the 1910 pennant. The official pennant of 1910 was awarded by the Spaulding Co. to Dallas. This was without authority of the league, claims Houston, and that city has also ordered a pennant and is flying it from the masthead.

The season has advanced already sufficiently far to reveal the weakness of several of the teams. If San Antonio is to have a look in for pennant honors, that team must have at least two more players. The outfield is where the weakness lies. Persons and Brewer seem to be able to deliver the goods but it is a grave question as to whether or not manager Ledy will be able to get in sufficiently good form to play center with regularity. A body of power is expected to greatly strengthen the chances of that team for the pennant.

The season, so far it is advanced, indicates that the Texas league has the strongest list of hitters in its history. If the pitchers are to make such records as to attract major league notice they will have to do better than they have been doing to date.

TRIPLE ACCIDENT
ON NORFOLK TRACK

Three Jockeys and Horse Injured and Horse Later Killed.

Norfolk, Va., April 15.—Several spills added to the interest in the races at the Jamestown track. The largest crowd of the meeting was present. Hoffman, with Olsen, won the Old Point Comfort purse, with Guy Fisher a close second. In the first race for 3-year-olds, won by Black Branch, with Eddie Dugan up, jockeys Bell and Adams were so badly hurt they had to be sent to a hospital. There were 12 horses in this race, and Adams and Bell were crowded against the railing in the stretch. Adams' leg was broken and his arm lacerated by coming in contact with a fence. A sprinter ran into the muscles of Bell's right arm and his left shoulder was injured. Jockey Connolly, riding Forester, was thrown into the mixup and slightly injured.

Eddie Dugan was blamed for the trouble and was suspended for the rest of the meeting. Dugan is said to have blocked Bell and caused his horse to throw him. When ridden by Adams, he was so badly injured that he was taken to the hospital. He was owned by Albert Simons, of Memphis, and was considered a fair sprinter.

LAS CRUCES PLANS
FORMING BALL TEAM

Las Cruces, N. M., April 15.—With the advent of spring the baseball fans of Las Cruces have succumbed to the annual fever and are organizing a team. There is plenty of good material here and it is believed that a team can be got together which will put up a stiff game against any of the teams in this section of the country.

For pitchers Las Cruces has J. J. Schneider, who played for several years in the box with local teams in Louisiana, having a record of having struck out 15 men in a seven inning game at Pearl River; C. O. F. Hoffmann, who was in the box for two years with the St. Louis Grays; and L. W. Case, who furnished all the curves for the crack team of the fifth light artillery during the Spanish-American war.

Although all three of these men are really out of practice, it is believed that they can work up to their former form, and Las Cruces expects to put a good team into the field within a short time. Practice has now started and a game will be arranged with an El Paso team in the near future.

HONOR MEMORY OF JOSS.
St. Louis, Mo., April 15.—Out of respect to the memory of Addie Joss, the Cleveland pitcher, who was killed in yesterday's game between the local and the Cleveland American league teams were a band of crepe with their uniforms. The visitors won their first game of the season by a score of 7 to 5. Lefty George was knocked off the mound.

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UNSATISFACTORY TO
DELVE IN THE PAST

Old Time Fighters Good, But They Are Dead Now.

(By W. W. Naughton).

San Francisco, Cal., April 15.—One of the bores of the sporting belt is the man who lives too much in the past. It is a fine thing, of course, to possess a fund of reminiscences, to be able to throw light on matters in dispute and hark back with authority through the calendar of long ago, but the man who is continually describing the men and happenings of the "good old days" to the disparagement of the luminous days of now, is a pest pure and simple.

I heard one a few evenings ago who had worked himself into a maudlin state while deploring the decadence of the lightweight branch of the pugilistic army.

"What would Jack McAuliffe have done to your Ad. Wolgast and your Knockout Brown?" he asked, glaring the while as though he dared any one to furnish a reply.

Without waiting very long, he went on: "What would Joe Gans have done to them, eh?" The writer's answer to each question was: "I don't know," but the man who put them evidently believed that the youngsters of today would not have furnished common amusement for the former stars of the lightweight division whose names he mentioned.

Let the Past Stay Dead. I have had the occasion to remark time and time again, that bridging the years of pugilism is unsatisfactory business. It begets heated discussions which can never be settled. There are so many angles to the fighting game that the fellow who formulated the saying, "You can't dope fighters," was entitled to rank as a wise fish. This originally was a warning to such as were inclined to figure out possible ring results in much the same way that professional handicappers figure horses.

To those who are given to propounding questions like those mentioned above, a good piece of advice would be never argue over anything that can't be decided by a bet.

There are so many ways of looking at a thing that a fairly versatile fellow can find a line of argument that will support—or seem to support—any view he may hold. That Jack McAuliffe at his very best—with all his reputed knowledge and experience to draw upon and all his fighting machinery in working order, would outbox and probably defeat either Knockout Brown or Ad. Wolgast, if they had flourished in McAuliffe's time, is entirely probable, but it is not certain by any means.

The best of ring men have always encountered some one who has given a stumbling block. McAuliffe in his time had a heart scalding experience with Jimmy Carney, at Revere Beach, Mass., and there is no way on earth of deciding whether either Wolgast or Brown might not have given McAuliffe as much trouble—or more—than Carney did.

Joe Gans went through many of his opponents like sunlight through a chink, yet occasionally he happened across an awkwardly clever opponent who held him fairly even. Of such was George McFadden—Elbows McFadden they used to call him.

"Elbows" and the "Old Master" boxed as great a number of times, and Tommy Ryan and Jack Beauchamp, and the score ran so evenly that if they had been gifted with perpetual youth they would have been fighting yet.

Will any one say offhand that McFadden was a better fighter than Wolgast or Brown? Hardly.

Breed Vexation of Spirit. And so I say such arguments simply breed vexation of spirit. Instead of trying to yank oldtime heroes back from swatland and institute ridiculous comparisons, it is far more satisfactory to confine your discussions to the boxers you have with you.

Of a certainty, the lightweight ranks are so well peopled now that there is plenty to talk about and plenty to look at. The conditions are such that there is no telling which pair will be fighting for the championship a few months from now, and when a situation of that kind exists there is opportunity for discussion of an interesting character.

Knockout Brown is one of the young men who aches to fill Wolgast's shoes, but even among the novices Brown will find that he has a hard row to hoe. For that matter, if western sentiment boxes for anything, Brown will have little to fear from any one, for if he removes the two Californians—Hogan and Frankie Burns—from his path.

But, as I said, this is western sentiment, and it may be merely on a par with the local pride New York feels in the case of Knockout Brown.

Over the heads of the eastern and western novices loom McFarland and Moran, who have certainly to be reckoned with before final judgment in respect to the lightweight championship is passed.

Whichever way it is looked at there is a prospect of merry war in the lightweight class. It is the one live division in the pugilistic phalanx.

MAY NEVER PLAY ON POLO GROUNDS AGAIN
New York, N. Y., April 15.—The New York National league club may never play baseball again at the Polo grounds.

City authorities will insist on strictly fireproof structures to replace the grandstand and part of the bleachers destroyed by fire, and this raises a serious doubt as to whether the promoters care to invest thousands of dollars in steel and concrete on a leased site. The lease expires in 10 years. The club for the present will use the American league park on Washington heights, beginning a series with Brooklyn there tomorrow. President Ebbetts of the Brooklyn club offered his grounds, but conflicting dates make acceptance out of the question.

The cooer's office has addressed a petition to the building department asking the department to insist that the stands, if reconstructed, be built of fireproof material.

FIVE BOXERS FINED AND ALL TAKE TERMS IN JAIL.
New York, N. Y., April 15.—Samuel Cook, John J. Selino, James P. Doyle, Frank Neal and Frederick McFadden, professional boxers, were found guilty in Brooklyn of having participated in boxing bouts at the Brighton Beach A. C. in February last, to which a decision was charged, contrary to law. They were given the alternatives of \$25 fines or 10 days in jail. All went to jail in order, it is said, to seek writs of habeas corpus and make test cases.

Three Idols Of the Diamond



Three idols of the diamond whose exploits will again fill the sporting pages of the country. At the top on the left is Honus Wagner, the star short stop of the National league. On the right is Ty Cobb of the Detroit Tigers, premier batsman of the world; below is Christy Mathewson, the Giant's star twirler, who is considered the best manipulator of the horse hide in the major leagues.

Boxing To Make Us More Gentle

By Tristan Bernard, the Famous French Author.

SINCE a few weeks ago there exists in Paris a "Boxers' Mutual Aid Society."

"What," you exclaim, "so it is now a profession to be a boxer here in France. As if people could not find any better use for their time."

Let me say this, that there is nothing more unnatural in the profession of the boxer than in that of a waiter. Just as the authors of a country are supposed to keep the people of the country on a certain intellectual plane, so the athletes and boxers are supposed to keep the physical development of the people.

You will perhaps be surprised to discover that the writer of these lines, whom you know as a very gentle and peaceable man, has been chosen honorarily president of the boxers' mutual aid society. First let me remark that it is not necessary to possess the same athletic qualities to be an honorary member, that an active member must have, and that, as soon as they are outside of the ring, there are no more gentle, sweet tempered and peaceable men than the knights of the fist. The principal reason of this may be that they are afraid of hurting their fists, which are always protected by gloves and bandages in the ring. Contrary to general belief the glove does not diminish the effect of a blow with the fist, but makes possible a number of blows which would be delivered without it because the person who tried would smash his fist.

The Palm Defence. You will notice that if a boxer is attacked in the street, he will always try to defend himself with the palm of his hand. A blow from the palm of any of our great boxers will knock down a man without fail. All boxers will hesitate to strike a man in the street even under provocation, because they are sportsmen and hate the idea of an uneven fight. And here is where boxing works to promote gentleness. A real sportsman abhors an uneven fight. Now street fights are nearly always uneven. One of the parties is always too light, or too old or too fat.

We live in a cultured and civilized society and there is no reason why I, a peaceable citizen, should endeavor always to keep myself in perfect condition, fit to fight any moment, but the day when these conditions change, I will try to work myself into condition. That is to say, I will walk and run for two hours a day, I will skip the rope for half an hour, work a punching bag for another half hour, try speed movements for half an hour, wrestle and spar for an hour or so. The rest of the time I will devote to business.

The conclusion to be drawn from what I have said here is that sports puts an end to all violence. Suppose every person in the community is a trained boxer; then follows that no citizen tipping the scale at 150 lbs. will fight another who weighs only 120. It would be unprofitable, and, if, during an election campaign for instance, a citizen of 175 lbs. happened to run against an opponent of the same weight, he will prefer not to fight on a slippery sidewalk and wearing clothes that interfere with his movements. He will ask his antagonist to meet him in the ring for a certain number of rounds.

Sport and Justice. Thus sport will satisfy the sporting instincts of our young people, and at the same time it will satisfy our demand for justice and fairness, which says that the stronger must not crush the weaker.

I am with all my heart with those who believe in courage and valor, but I believe only in these virtues when under proper control. It is for this reason that I attend all the fights I can and that I am going to attend the fine boxing exhibition at the Hippodrome to-night. The five excellent French boxers who are to meet five English first class boxers will show plenty of courage. Every one of them will meet a man of his own weight under conditions which leave as little as possible to luck or accident. Those who win will have a reason to feel proud of their victory, for they will owe it not to chance nor to heavier weight, but only to their courage, their skill and their muscular strength developed by careful training. Since a certain amount of this is necessary to preserve the human species from degenerating, it is a good idea to regulate it, to keep it within the ropes of the ring and between the two words "Go" and "Time."

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Cleveland 002 010 021—7 8 0
St. Louis 000 000 000—5 8 1
Batteries—Cleveland, Mitchell and Smith; St. Louis, George and Clark.
Umpires—O'Loughlin and Deneen.

At Detroit—R. H. E.
Chicago 000 000 000—0 5 3
Detroit 200 000 04—4 11 2
Batteries—Chicago, Lange and Payne; Detroit, Willette and Stanage.
Umpires—Perrin and Sheridan.

At Philadelphia—New York-Philadelphia, no game on account of rain.

At Washington—Boston-Washington, no game on account of rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Boston—R. H. E.
Brooklyn 032 401 023—15 18 2
Boston 000 100 010—2 8 4
Batteries—Brooklyn, Shorrt and Bergen; Boston, Tyler and Graham.
Umpires—Klem and Doyle.

At Chicago—R. H. E.
St. Louis 000 002 000—2 5 1
Chicago 000 100 000—1 6 0
Batteries—St. Louis, Harmon and Bresnahan; Chicago, Pfeister and Archer.
Umpires—Finneran and Rigler.

At New York—Philadelphia-New York, no game on account of fire on the grounds.

At Cincinnati—Pittsburg-Cincinnati, no game on account of rain.

TEXAS LEAGUE.

At Houston—R. H. E.
Galveston 0 0 0
Houston 0 0 0
Batteries—Galveston, Fox and Kitchens; Houston, Watson and Kelley.
Umpire—Atkinson.

At Austin—San Antonio 3
Austin 3
Batteries—San Antonio, Gray and Betts; Austin, Comstock, Jenkins and Henninger.
Umpires—Spencer and Brady.

At Dallas—R. H. E.
Oklahoma City 14 18 5
Dallas 11 15 3
Batteries—Oklahoma City, Lingenfelder, Young and Carvin; Dallas, Hirsch, Saxe and Robertson.
Umpire—Mathews.

At Fort Worth—R. H. E.
Waco 4 6 3
Fort Worth 5 9 4
Ten innings.
Batteries—Waco, Schindler, Taft and Meeks; Fort Worth, Deardoff and Green.
Umpire—Busch.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.

At Sacramento—R. H. E.
Los Angeles 3 7 2
Sacramento 4 9 2
Batteries—Los Angeles, Friess, Coachman, Delhi and Smith; Sacramento, Nourse and Thomas.

At San Francisco—R. H. E.
Portland 5 12 3
Oakland 4 7 4
Batteries—Portland, Seaton, Archer and Murray; Oakland, Christian, Kilroy and Tiedeman.

At Los Angeles—R. H. E.
Vernon 2 10 1
San Francisco 3 12 3
Twelve innings.
Batteries—Vernon, Castleton and Hogan; San Francisco, Sutor and Berry.

COLLEGE BASEBALL.
At Charlottesville, Va.—Princeton, 3; University of Virginia, 1.
At Nashville, Tenn.—Vanderbilt-Michigan game postponed; wet grounds.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
At Toledo—Minneapolis, 4; Toledo, 2.
At Indianapolis—Milwaukee, 4; Indianapolis, 0.
At Louisville—Louisville-Kansas City, no game; wet grounds.
St. Paul-Columbus game postponed; rain.

Rain Prevents Game.
McAlester, Okla., April 15.—Rain prevented the exhibition game scheduled here between the Denver team of the Western league and the local team of the Oklahoma-Texas league.

SCOUTING BECOMES
AN IMPORTANT
ADJUNCT

Hunting Around For Baseball Phenoms Is Now a Science.

(By W. S. Farnsworth).

New York, N. Y., April 15.—Few baseball fans probably appreciate the value of a scout, yet the man who digs around in the minor leagues unearthing phenoms is one of the most valuable assets a club possesses. A few years ago scouting amounted to little, but today the foundation of all successful clubs is the scout. And there is no better example of this than in the camp of the New York American league club. In 1905 Frank Farrell had two players, outfielder Charles Henrich and manager-manager Charles Chase, who are still with the team. The others had outlived their usefulness in New York, but Farrell had no men he could lay his hands on.

It was just the opposite over in Philadelphia. Connie Mack had at least two dozen players farmed out in minor leagues that he could get to the Quaker City within a few hours. Farrell owned a franchise and two really first class players and that was all.

Irwin Goes Scouting. He signed up Arthur Irwin, the famous old Providence infielder, to go out among the "bushes" and try to dig up some new material. And in three years Irwin has unearthed enough stars to put the Yankees on the baseball map again. In fact they appear to have a grand chance of winning the American league pennant this year.

Since 1909 the Yankees have secured such stars as Harry Wolter, Bert Dannel, Birdie Cree, Jack Knight, Earl Gardner, Wilbur Roach, Gene Elliott, Roy Hartall, Otis Johnson, Bill Badley, Henry Kauff, Alfred Jube, Joe Walsh, Bob Williams, Walter Blair, Ray Fisher, Ray Caldwell, Jim Vaughn, Harry Ables, Dutch Ravella, Jack Warhop and many others.

And it was nothing but scientific scouting that brought them to New York. The majority of them cost the New York club little above the drafting price, but Irwin secured in which they were with before Irwin secured their services.

This year alone Irwin unearthed a bunch of youngsters who may never see New York, but who are within calling distance if they are needed. They are farmed out, or as baseball owners would have you say, are let out under an optional agreement.

Since Irwin has been with the club he has earned his salary many times over by buying and selling players' contracts. For instance, he has dug up some youngsters, developed him, sold him for twice the purchase price.

Is a Thankless Job. The job of scout is a thankless one. The gumshoe artist is practically unknown to the fan and if a team wins the pennant no one ever sings the praises of the scout who really is the man who above all others who deserves the most credit nine times out of ten.

And the job is a hard one. The scout travels all through the hot summer months in little water tank towns all by his lonesome. For weeks he doesn't meet anyone he knows, for when he lands in a place he never goes around to the club owner and introduces himself.

It is up to him to keep under cover and watch the players perform. If the club owner knows that a scout is after a player he will tell said player to either put on full steam or to put up his white flag.

If the club owner thinks the scout is going to draft the player he will give instructions for poor work. If he believes the scout will buy the player outright, he sees to it that the man puts up with real exhibition.

Requires Patience, Too. And there are many other disagreeable things about the position. For instance, Irwin last summer heard that a young pitcher named Caldwell was twirling a great ball for the McKeenport club. Irwin went out to see him work on a Saturday and found that he had performed the day before. It was five days before the youngster worked again.

During my trip east with the New York American league club this season I witnessed the Cleveland, New York and Chicago teams of the American league and the Boston team of the National league in action, and want to say that all four look immense.

They Look Good. Fred Tenney has a bunch of youngsters who are going to cause a heap of trouble in the father organization. While I do not look for them to finish in the first division, I would not be surprised if they ended the season in fifth position.

The Cleveland club I saw perform against the Redlegs in Cincinnati and must say that Jim McGuire has a corking good club. He has a swell bunch of twirlers, his infield is fair, and has an outfield that has been strengthened 100 percent by the addition of Joe Jackson, the sensational outfielder who was with the New Orleans club of the Southern league last season.

White Sox Well Balanced. The White Sox look to be a very evenly balanced team. Jimmy Callahan, after many years absence from organized ball, is as fast as ever in center field and I look for him to clout a .300 average all season.

Duffy has a wonderful staff of twirlers and every man of them is in perfect condition. They are likely to get away to a flying start because of their good condition and gain such a lead that it would be a hard task to overhaul them.

The Yankees have added much strength to their pitching staff and with either Elliott or Johnson at third base they are much improved at that station.

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